

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION:

The invention is an inventory management system for effecting an efficient reply of possible future component parts from a component part supplier, which determines whether each component part supplier has replied a desire to supply a component part to a customer.

5 within a specified forthcoming period of time after receiving the same by a computer system of the component part supplier. If yes, the replied document is stored in database. If not, the system may assume the estimated quantity of component parts as possible quantity of component parts supplied by component part supplier in the future and store the same in database.